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SUBJECT: GISCARD'S HUNTING WEEKEND IN POLAND: ELYSEE
COMMENT

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1. ELYSEE INTERNATIONAL STAFFER (PROTECT THROUGHOUT)
TELLS US THAT VERY LITTLE IS KNOWN, EVEN WITHIN ELYSEE,
OF SUBSTANCE OF GISCARD'S CONVERSATIONS WITH GIREECK.
GISCARD, WE ARE TOLD, PREPARED NO MEMCONS ON THIS OCCA-
SION, EVIDENTLY ENJOYED HIS MONOPOLY OF KNOWLEDGE AND
LET IT BE KNOWN THAT HE PLANNED TO HAVE MORE SUCH "CON-
STRUCTIVE" MEETINGS WITH OTHER LEADERS IN THE FUTURE.

2. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND SOURCE SAID HE COULD ONLY
PASS ON FOLLOWING IMPRESSIONS FLOWING FROM INTERNAL
ELYSEE CONVERSATIONS AFTER PRESIDENT'S RETURN.

3. FIRST, GISCARD IS CONVINCED THAT GIREECK REGIME IS IN
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SIGNIFICANT DIFFICULTY BECAUSE IT HAS COMPROMISED ITSELF

BEFORE POLISH WORKERS. HAVING MADE THE MISTAKE OF ANNOUNCING PRICE RISES AND THEN BACKING OFF, POLISH POPULATION, BUT PARTICULARLY THE WORKERS, HAVE GAINED AN ENTIRELY NEW COMPREHENSION OF THEIR REAL POWER. WHATEVER THE REGIME DOES NEXT THERE IS THEREFORE SUBSTANTIAL RISK THAT WORKING POPULATION COULD REACT AGAIN, THE NEXT TIME WITH POSSIBLY CATASTROPHIC RESULTS FOR FRAGILE EASTERN EUROPEAN BALANCE. POLES, SOURCE CONTINUED, ARE NEITHER DISCIPLINED EAST GERMANS NOR RATHER MALLEABLE CZECHS. THEY ARE IDEALISTIC, PATRIOTIC AND ENORMOUSLY TENACIOUS. THE PROBLEM FACING GIERECK THEREFORE REMAINS VERY SERIOUS. ONE KEY QUESTION FOR IMMEDIATE FUTURE WILL BE THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE USSR WILL BE WILLING TO HELP HIM GET OFF THE HOOK IN HARD ECONOMIC TERMS. OBJECTIVELY THIS WOULD BE IN THE SOVIET INTEREST. WHETHER THE USSR ITSELF HAS THE ECONOMIC MARGINS OR THE WILL TO DO THIS REMAINS TO BE SEEN. PERHAPS GIERECK'S UPCOMING TRIP TO MOSCOW WILL PROVIDE SOME ANSWERS.

4. AS FAR AS FRANCE IS CONCERNED SOURCE SAYS THAT GISCARD HAS COMMITTED GOF TO MAKE "SUBSTANTIAL" ADDITIONAL EFFORT TO HELP GIERECK TO THE EXTENT FRANCE CAN. SOURCE DID NOT THINK THAT QUESTION OF NEW CREDITS WAS INVOLVED. HOWEVER, GIERECK REPORTEDLY ASKED GISCARD TO BUILD NEW PETROCHEMICAL REFINERY IN POLAND, AND TO COMMIT GOF TO SEVERAL OTHER MAJOR NEW INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS. SOURCE COMMENTED THAT DIFFICULTY FOR GOF WAS, OF COURSE, THAT THE POLES ALSO EVENTUALLY WANT TO PAY FOR THIS REFINERY IN REFINED PRODUCTS, WHILE FRENCH REFINERIES CONTINUE TO OPERATE BELOW CAPACITY. THE SAME WAS TRUE FOR VARIOUS INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS POLES ARE INTERESTED IN, WHERE REPAYMENT IN KIND WOULD IN END BE DIRECTLY COMPETITIVE WITH FRENCH PRODUCTS IN THESE FIELDS. ALL THIS POSED DILEMMA. EVEN SO, GISCARD HAD COMMITTED GOF TO "DO ITS BEST."
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